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CHAFEE ANNOUNCES TF GREEN SELECTED
FOR TSA ACCESS CONTROL PILOT PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has selected TF Green Airport as one of eight chosen to test new security measures in its Access Control Pilot Program. This project will test Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology, Anti-Piggybacking technology, advanced video surveillance technology and various biometric technologies.

At TF Green Airport, the focus will be on controlling access to a secure area via an iris biometric recognition system. In addition, the entrance will employ anti-piggy backing detection (stopping more than one vehicle from gaining entrance at a time).

"I am pleased that Green Airport has been selected for Phase I of testing this cutting edge technology," said Senator Chafee. "This project will fine tune security procedures and ensure the safety of our residents as well as tourists visiting our state."

TSA has developed a two-phase pilot program starting with Phase I, including these initial eight airports testing various off-the-shelf biometric technologies under a variety of real-world operational environments in an effort to provide unbiased evaluations of their suitability of use. Based on that analysis, TSA will then determine which technologies will be evaluated in the Phase II airports. Information gathered during these pilot projects will be made available to appropriate industry representatives so that they may make informed decisions when designing access control systems to meet their security and regulatory needs.

In October 2003, TSA awarded a contract to Unisys to be the systems integrator for the pilot program. The contract has a maximum government obligation of $17 million over 20 months.

For more information regarding TSA, view the website at www.tsa.gov.